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The Honorable W. Kenneth Davis  
Deputy Secretary of Energy  
US Department of Energy  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Davis:

I was pleased to learn of your keen interest in the broad range of aspects of the nuclear proliferation problem that you list in your letter.

Some of your suggestions for work to be done by the Intelligence Community--on nuclear terrorism, on the safeguards and internal reporting systems of the International Atomic Energy Agency--are already very much a part of our estimative production program. Others, such as a harder look at the nuclear supplier countries and the problem of "vertical" proliferation are good candidates for our future analytic efforts. There will be an opportunity to consider these possibilities at a Community post mortem meeting in mid-October, that will review the future collection and production implications of NIE 4-82 ("Nuclear Proliferation Trends Through 1987") and other recent estimates. That meeting will be conducted under the auspices of the National Intelligence Council (National Intelligence Officer at Large, Hans Heymann, will chair it) and a representative of your department will be participating.

In this connection, Hans informs me that he and his assistant [redacted] were quite pleased with the assurances that your Assistant Secretary Roser gave them at our recent [redacted] conference that he and his people intend to participate actively in the Community efforts to address the range of problems in the nuclear proliferation area, some of which you have so vividly described in your letter.

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Sincerely,

/S/ John N. McMahon

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Acting Director

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